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MISSOULA--

The University of Montana's men's track team hosts two outstanding teams in double dual competition this Saturday at Dornblaser Field.

Washington State University and the University of Utah come to town with some of the finest track athletes in the country. WSU is the national indoor champion and boasts one of the finest distance men in the world, Henry Rono. Rono leads a contingent of foreign athletes, forming the nucleus of the Cougar's power. Rono is the NCAA 5,000 meter champion and the cross country champ.

This will be the best track and field meet ever in Montana," men's track coach Harley Lewis said. "Washington State is strong everywhere and has outstanding freshman athletes who have competed on the international level. Utah has some high quality sprinters and will be very competitive, but realistically I don't think either Montana or Utah can come close to WSU. We hope we can win one or two events."

Lewis said that track fans can expect some 7-0 high jumps, near 17-0 pole vaults and world class times in the sprints and distances.

UM is coming off a second place finish at the UM triangular meet this past Friday. Eastern Washington State edged out the Grizzlies, 83-77, with Montana State third at 30 points.

"We turned in some good performances but made some mistakes that cost us the meet," Lewis said.

The foremost mistake was dropping the baton between the first and second man in the mile relay, relinquishing the lead and finishing second behind EWSC in the event.

Among the good performances, quarter miler John Roys found a new strength in the half mile, winning the race in 1:53.72. Monty Solberg finished second in the javelin and recorded a personal best of 212-0.

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Dean Erhard was a double winner, capturing the mile and three mile; Ed Wells turned in a 22.24 in winning the 220 and burned an unbelievable 46.0 split in the mile relay. Also, Dave McDougall captured the gruelling six mile in 30:47.4. Other Grizzly winners were Terry Falcon in the shot put and Bill Halverson in the pole vault with a 15-8 effort.

Two injured tracksters, Dale Giem and John Killoy will be back in action on Saturday. Both have been suffering from hamstring pulls but should be fit for the weekend double dual meet.

Competition gets underway at 12 noon Saturday with the hammer throw.

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100 yards-Ferda (10.22)

220 yards-Wells (22.0), Kerr (22.1)

440 yards-Wells (47.83), Kerr (48.14), Andrews (48.64)

880 yards-Roys (1:53.72), Sheldon (1:55.82)

mile-Erhard (4:15.2)

3 mile-Erhard (14:12.85), McDougall (14:25.6)

6 mile-McDougall (30:47.4), Behrman (30:13.9)

steeplechase-Reesman (9:37.0), Dornfeld (10:04.4)

high jump-Morgan (6-6)

long jump-Nydam (22-10½)

triple jump-McIntyre (47-7¼)

shot put-Falcon (49-5)

discus- (no entry)

javelin-Solberg (212-9)

pole vault-Halverson (16-1)

high hurdles-Ferda (14.6), Fox (14.79)

440 yard hurdles-Giem (55.9), Schmittou (56.5)

440 yard relay-42.86 (Fox, Ferda, Kerr, Wells)

mile relay-3:13.8 (Andrews, Wells, Kerr, Roys)